

BUSANSKY BUZZ

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL?

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February 1
NO SCHOOL

February 4-8
National School
Counselor
Appreciation Week

February 8
Snack Attack

February 11-15
Early Dismissal
Parent/Teacher
Conferences

February 18
NO SCHOOL

February 19
PTO Meeting @ 4PM

February 21
Career Day

February 22
PTO Pretzel Sale

February 25
Gertrude Hawk
Candy Fundraiser

February 28
Black History Month
Presentations

Some Words from the Principal, Mrs. DiBella

Greetings Busansky Families,

Happy February! We are now through the first semester marking period and it's a perfect time for all of us at Busansky to reflect upon our accomplishments and create new goals for the second semester marking period. You have a perfect opportunity to be a part of this discussion by attending the upcoming parent-teacher (and bring your student) conference. Please access the Canyon Creek website located on the front page of our website and schedule that conference which will enable you to be an informed participant in helping our students to be the best that they can be.

Asking "How was your school day?" might not get the answers that you are looking for. So, here are some questions that may help to get a better picture of the day: What made you laugh at school today? How were you kind or helpful today? What's the coolest thing that happened in school today? What fascinated you in school today? Research shows that supporting your child's education at home is very important! Let me know how I can help you out.

Career Day-Please support our wonderful school counselor, Ms. O'Malley by participating in our school's learning about the variety of careers that are available to students as they consider what they may want to do in the future. Sign-ups have gone home but can be sent home, again, through the main office.

Attendance

Every minute, every day! As of today, there are **143 students with 4 or less absences and 41 students with perfect attendance**. It is not easy to come to school every day but learning is important and we don't want you to miss a thing! Our school wide attendance goal is 15 or less absent students per day or 95.4% of our school in school each day. Please encourage our children to get to school on time and every day! Please secure doctors' notes to validate missing school.

Character Education

February is RESPONSIBILITY month. During this month, classes are studying responsibility and learning all they need to know about being responsible citizens. Responsibility home projects came home. You still have a chance to complete it and return it to be recognized at our RESPONSIBILITY Assembly on February 26th at 2:45PM.



Phil (the service cart) is being filled with Valentine wishes for troops, CHOP patients, and Aspen Hill residents. The NEHS students are coordinating this SERVICE project.

Fastt Math Champions

Congratulations to Eden Chen (Grade 5) and Shaheem Mohammed (Grade 3) for completing all addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division number facts and in record time!

One Book One School

The reading of Because of Mr. Terupt is happening in all classrooms as a read aloud and shared reading. Discussions, trivia at recess, and grade level activities have created an excitement in the reading of this book. You can see students walking in the halls and at lunch trying to catch every word. Get ready for (\$1,000,001) words. You have to read the book to know what we are talking about!

It's not too late to join in the reading, send word and a book can be sent home to you. Happy Reading!

It's National School Counselor Week-Thank you Ms. O'Malley for all that you do for us!

Our Nurse, Ms. Gomba

Please send out happy thoughts to Ms. Gomba as she recuperates from a broken ankle. We miss you, Ms. Gomba! Get well soon!



Our School Counselor, Ms. O'Malley

Hello Busansky,

Our **Peer Mediators** are now on the job! **Congratulations** to our Conflict Resolution & Peer Mediation Team for helping our students through one conflict at a time. Our certified Peer Mediators include **Caitlynn Goldstein, Alana Campbell, Taylor Martin, Brooks Bryant, Madison Bostick, Chloe**

Lewis, Cassie Layton, Gianna Letie, Nathan Bell, Jason Lin, Gabrielle Stampfel, Elena Allen, Daniel Tote, Millana Murchison, Bella Pfeifer, Haylee Carson, Alivia Crosland, Harry Jolly, Kelly Trubee, Ny'Lee Soos, Daijah Murray, Deloris King, Delaney Marshall, Dylan Sampson, David Clark, Sabrina Perry, & Mariah Parker! Thank you for your time and commitment to improving our school climate.

CAREER DAY is also approaching fast - scheduled for **February 21st 9:30-11:30 am!** ALL volunteers are welcome. Please contact me for information!!

Burlington County Community Action Program will also be hosting their first Annual Women's Resource Fair on March 20, 2019 from 4pm-8pm at the Human Services Building located at 795 Woodlane Rd, Westampton. The event is open to all women of Burlington County (the event is kid friendly). We will be providing access to community resources, screenings, information, prizes, and other fun things during this event.

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Our School Security Officer, Mr. Baker

Hello Busansky family!

Arrival/Dismissal

With the weather dropping below the freezing point more often than not, now that we are into our winter months, I would once again like to remind you that the doors to the school do not open until 9:00 am. It is advisable to not drop off prior to that time, so your child is not waiting in the elements. If it is absolutely necessary to drop off prior to 9:00 or your child is a walker, please ensure they are properly dressed for the weather.

Please do not arrive to pick up your child if you are everyday pick up until 3:40 the earliest. This is for the safe navigation of the busses and so the fire lane stays clear. ***A more favorable option is to park across the street near the park and our crossing guard and Safety Patrol will safely cross your child over to you.***

If you need any clarification or have any questions or concerns, you can call my office at any time.

Safety Patrol

The Safety Patrol completed their Lizzie Sider Anti-Bully lessons. These lessons are based around the Lizzie Sider saying "Nobody has the power to ruin your day". The patrollers did a great job taking on the role of teacher and delivering informative and engaging lessons to every class during their library period. If you would like more information on the Lizzie Sider program you can visit the Safety Patrol section of the Busansky School website.

Congratulations to Harry J. our January Safety Patrol of the Month!

Peer Mediation

Congratulations to our 4th & 5th grade Peer Mediators! Our student mediators had to attend several hours of mandatory training and go through regular recurrent training in order to be certified as Peer Mediators.

As Ms. O'Malley mentioned they have hit the ground running and are off to a great start. Good luck to them as they work with their peers to help solve conflicts.

If you would like more information on our mediation program please feel free to contact myself or Ms. O'Malley at any time.

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February 19th @ 4pm

PTO News

The Wawa Hoagie fundraiser was such a HUGE success (we sold out!), we have ordered a second batch of vouchers. So for those of you who were asking for more, or forgot to turn in your order slips, don't worry... more are coming!! We are selling vouchers for any delicious 6 inch Wawa Shorti hoagie, for \$4 a piece (regular price \$4.59 + tax!) You can buy as many as you want because THEY NEVER EXPIRE and are good at ANY WAWA!!!! These are perfect for when you forgot to pack your or your child's lunch, and don't forget about summer! It will be here before you know it! These vouchers are perfect for those hot days when you don't want to cook or when heading to the beach.

Our next Fundraiser will be Gertrude Hawk Chocolates (YUMMY!!!) Stock up for Easter, or just because. The sales catalogs will be coming home the end of February.

Did you know we are a Box Tops school? Did you know that each valid Box Top is worth \$0.10? All those Box Tops add up each month, and the funds help to support programs and events for all our students. Each classroom has a Box Tops envelope which is collected and counted on the last school day of each month. This year, we have an awesome, huge, traveling trophy that will go to the classroom with the highest collection of Box Tops each month! And of course, don't forget the epic bragging rights! Please save and send in your Box Tops. They do not need to be on a Box Tops sheet...in a baggie is perfectly fine.

This newsletter will be published once a month to keep you updated of all the happenings at our school. If you have any news to share, please email Mrs. McGuinness (smcguinness@pemb.org) with your information. Thank you.

PTO
SNACK
ATTACK
2/8
PRETZELS
2/22

CLASS
ASSIGNMENTS
Keep caught up on all
your class & homework
assignments.
Get plenty of sleep.